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TAGS: ELAB, PINT, HO

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF UNION OF STANDARD FRUIT WORKERS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 2493

1. CTH SEC GEN VICTOR ARTILES DESCRIBED TO LABOFF  
JUNE 20 RECENT EVENTS OF UNION OF STANDARD FRUIT WORKERS  
(SUTRAFSCO) CONGRESS WHICH BEGAN JUNE 15. ACCORDING TO  
ARTILES, THE CURRENT COMMUNIST DOMINATED EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
OF THE UNION FEARED THAT DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS WERE  
ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE. UNION PRESIDENT NAPOLEON ACEVEDO  
REQUESTED TROOPS FROM THE MILITARY ZONE COMMANDER ALLEGING THAT  
THE UNION FEARED VIOLENCE IN THE CONGRESS. IN THE INTEREST  
OF KEEPING PUBLIC ORDER, THE COMMANDER PROVIDED SIX SOLDIERS  
TO GUARD THE CONGRESS. ACEVEDO'S GROUP USED THE SOLDIERS TO  
DENY ACCESS BY THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO THE UNION HALL.  
WITHIN THE CONGRESS THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS REELECTED BY  
MOTION AND ACCLAMATION, A PROCESS FORBIDDEN BY THE LABOR  
CODE.

2. ARTILES ALSO SAID THAT THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT HAD BEGUN  
LEGAL PROCESS FORMALLY CHARGING ACEVEDO AND THE OTHER MEMBERS  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WITH LIBEL, THEREBY MAKING THEM  
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INELIGIBLE TO STAND FOR ELECTION UNDER THE TERMS OF THE

LABOR CODE.

3. ARTILES SAID THAT THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT WILL APPEAL TO THE  
LABOR MINISTRY TO VOID RESULTS OF THE CONGRESS.

4. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SUTRAFSCO IS MADE UP OF:

- A. PRESIDENT - NAPOLEON ACEVEDO
- B. SECRETARY-GENERAL - GABRIEL BANEGAS
- C. VICE PRESIDENT - ARTURO MARTINEZ
- D. RECORDING SECRETARY- VIRGILIO BROWN
- E. TREASURER- GUSTAVO SOTO
- F. FISCAL- SALOMON ZELAYA

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